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REMARKS

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) of Claims 29-32 in paragraph 2 of the Office Action as being anticipated by McLaughlin et al is respectfully traversed. To clarify the language of independent Claim 29 it been amended to more clearly indicate that the post can be moved up and down within the vertical support member. This is in clear contrast to the seat post assemblies disclosed in McLaughlin et al where the seat posts are simply retained in the subassemblies 26 which in turn are bonded to the tubes 22. Moreover, Claim 29 specifies that the guide assembly is secured to the bottom end of the seat post whereas the elements 26, 31, 32, 80 and 82 in McLaughlin et al referred to by the Examiner are secured to or bonded to the support tube 22. See col. 3, lines 40-43 and col. 4, lines 9-11 of McLaughlin et al. As a result Claim 29 along with dependent Claims 31 and 32 should be allowable over McLaughlin et al.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) of Claim 36 in paragraph 3 of the Office Action as being anticipated by Teckenbrock is also respectfully traversed. In particular, Claim 29 specifies that the release handle operatively connected to the latch mechanism is located below the forward portion of the seat. By contrast, the release handle 134 as shown in Fig. 1 and described in col. 3, line 65 to col. 4, line 4 of Teckenbrock is located on the bicycle handlebar 46. The claimed location of the release handle provides a particularly convenient mechanism for adjusting the seat of a stationary exercise apparatus as opposed to the bicycle disclosed in Teckenbrock. Therefore, it is respectfully contended that Claim 26 is allowable.

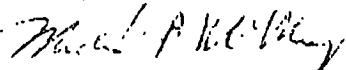
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Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the amendment to Claim 29 be entered and that this application issue to Letters Patent with Claims 11-37 forming a part thereof.

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